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Die Sabbati 7. Junii 1712.

THe House was moved,
That these Words might
be added at the Close of
the Motion for an Address upon
Her Majesty's Speech, (*viz.*)

*And in order to that, to pray Her
Majesty to take such Measures*

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*in concert with her Allies, as
may induce them to join with
Her Majesty in a Mutual
Guaranty.*

After Debate,

The Question was put, Whether those Words should be added?

It was Resolved in the Negative.

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We think it necessary to have the Security proposed of a General Guaranty, and the rather, because We conceive the Terms of Peace that are offered, have proceeded from a separate Negotiation, carried on by the Ministers with *France*, without any Communication thereof to the Principal Allies, particularly the
States

States General, as they say in their Letter to Her Majesty, (whose Interest Her Majesty was pleased to declare to this Parliament, She look'd upon as inseparable from Her own) and we Conceive this Negociation to be contrary to those Orders which Her Majesty Declared to this House, in Answer to their Address, That She had given to Her Plenipotentiaries at *Utrecht*, to Concert with those of Her Allies; And the Resolution expressed in her Messuage *January 17.* of a strict Union, in which She proposed to Joyn with them in order to obtain a good Peace, and to Guaranty and Support the same, as She had before Declared in her Speech at the opening of this Session, That she would unite with them in the strictest En-

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gagements for continuing the Alliance, in order to render the General Peace Secure and Lasting; and contrary to the Eighth Article of the Grand Alliance, which expressly obliges all the Allies not to Treat, unless joyntly and with the Common Advice of the other Parties.

And we Conceive that the refusal of these Words proposed to be added, may be look'd upon by the Allies, as if this House approved this Method of Transacting with *France*, which may seem to them to tend to a separate Peace, of which Her Majesty has Declared her Dislike, and which was acknowledg'd in this House to be Foolish, and Knavish, and would be of pernicious Consequence to this Kingdom, by preventing that Guaranty of Peace
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by the Allies, which is so absolutely necessary for their mutual Security, and leave us exposed to the Power of *France*, there being little reason to expect their future help after such a gross breach of Trust.

And we further Conceive, That such a separate proceeding may create in the Allies so great a Distrust, as may tempt them to take the like Measures, and so give the *French* opportunity to break that Union, which has hitherto been so useful to Us, and formidable to Them; any appearance whereof must encourage *France*, either to delay the Conclusion of a Peace, or to Impose upon the Allies in the further Progress of the Treaty.

A perfect Union among the Allies seems to Us to be more ne-

cessary in the present Case; Be-
 cause the Foundation upon which
 all the Offers of *France* relating
 to *Great-Britain* as well as to the
 Allies are built; (*viz.*) A Re-
 nunciation of the Duke of *Anjou*
 to that Kingdom, is, in our
 Opinion, so fallacious, that
 no reasonable Man, much less
 whole Nations, can ever look
 upon it as any Security. Expe-
 rience may sufficiently convince
 Us how little we ought to rely
 upon the Renunciation of the
 House of *Bourbon*; and tho' the
 present Duke of *Anjou* should
 happen to think himself bound
 by his own Act, which his Grand-
 father did not, yet will his De-
 scendants be at liberty to say,
 That no Act of his could deprive
 them of their Birthright, and
 especially when it is such a Right,
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as in the Opinion of all *Frenchmen*, ought inviolably to be maintain'd by the Fundamental Constitution of the Kingdom of *France*.

And we humbly think it unsafe to depend upon this principal part of the Treaty's Executing it self, by supposing it will be the Interest of *France* to Support it, since on the contrary, it is manifest by the *French* Endeavours ever since the *Pyrenean* Treaty, to Unite the Monarchies of *France* and *Spain*, They look upon that Union to be their greatest Interest, and the most Effectual means of Establishing the Universal Monarchy in the House of *Burbon*.

And if it were Reasonable to imagine, that the Two Crowns of *France* and *Spain* should remain
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in distinct Branches of the House of *Bourbon*; Yet this is contrary to the Grand Alliance it self, which recites the Usurpation of the *Spanish* Monarchy by the *French* King for the Duke of *Anjou*, as the principal Cause of this War.

As to Port *Mahon*, *Gibraltar*, the *Assiento*, and the other Advantages to *Britain* Proposed by *France* (besides that they are all Precarious, and in the Power of *France* and *Spain* to take from us when they please.) considering the Situation of those Kingdoms, and the Vast Wealth and Strength which will be left to them, We conceive it impossible for any Man to look on these as a Compensation to *Britain* in any Degree; for the leaving *Spain* and the *Indies* in the Possession of
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the House of Bourbon, besides other Manifestly fatal Consequences, must be extreamly Prejudicial to our Woollen Manufacture, if it does not entirely Ruin it.

Asto the Demolition of *Dunkirk*, tho' we own it will be a great Safety to our Home Trade, yet we have Reason to apprehend by what was said in the Debate, that it is not yet agreed to be Demolish'd, without an Equivalent for it to the *French King's* Satisfaction

And in all the Particulars relating to the Allies, tho' they are not Perfectly Adjusted, yet by what does appear concerning them, the Allies are likely to be left in such a state of Insecurity, as is absolutely inconsistent with our own Safety.

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The Rhine is proposed for a Barrier of the Empire, which leaves *Strasburgh* and *Hunninghen* in the Hands of the French; the former of which has always been look'd upon as the Key of the Empire.

The Proposals of *France* relating to the Barrier for the States General, not only deprives them of all the Places taken since the Year 1709, but also of two or three Places more included in the Demand made by the States in that Year, which will render their Barrier wholly insufficient, and consequently very much Weaken the Security of *Britain*.

Portugal seems to be wholly abandoned to the Power of *Spain*, notwithstanding the great Advantages we have receiv'd during this War by our Trade with that King.

Kingdom, which might still be
extreamly Beneficial to us.

Upon the whole, there is so
very little and inconsiderable a
difference between these Offers of
France, and those made at *Utrecht*
February the 11th N. S. and Sign'd
Huxelles (as appears to us upon
comparing them together) that
both seem to be the Effect of a
secret and particular Negotiation
with *France*, and this House ha-
ving unanimously concurred in
Expressing to Her Majesty their
utmost Relentment at those Terms
Offered to Her Majesty and Her
Allies by the Plenipotentiaries of
France; and Her Majesty having
Graciously accepted that our Ad-
dress, and rewarded that Duty
and Zeal with Her Hearty
Thanks, we cannot in Respect
to Her Majesty, or Justice to our
Country,

Country, Retract that Opinion, nor think the Terms now, Good for Us or the Allies, or give any seeming approbation of them, which then were receiv'd by this House, and all the Allies, with Scorn and Detestation.

For these Reasons, we are of Opinion that the Offers of *France* are Fallacious and Insinaring, no way proportioned to the advantages which Her Majesty (from the great Successes which it has pleased God to Bless her and her Allies during the whole Course of this War) might Justly expect for her own Kingdoms and for Them, very unsufficient for preserving a Ballance of Power in *Europe* for the future Security of Her Majesty and her Allies, tho' they should be never so exactly perform'd, and yet, even such as they

they are, there is no effectual Security Offer'd for the Performance of them, which makes it absolutely necessary, as we conceive, that such Measures should be taken, in concert with the Allies, as may induce them to join with Her Majesty in a Mutual Guaranty.

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